

Davis and Fallom Simone Davis. Tyler attended Harleyville-Ridgeville Elementary, Clay Hill Elementary, Harleyville-Ridgeville Middle School and Woodland High School in Dorchester, South Carolina. Throughout his primary education, Tyler established his excellence both on and off the field. He maintained a 3.577 GPA, A-B Honor Roll status, and concurrently earned certification as a Nursing Assistant through the Dorchester County Career School. Tyler was also a dedicated multi-sport athlete, playing football, soccer, basketball, and running track. Tyler graduated from Woodland in June of 2020.

After receiving several football scholarship offers, Tyler selected the University of Virginia in Charlottesville in order to benefit from both their rigorous academic and athletic programs. He immediately rose to the occasion and would finish his freshman season ranked second in the nation and first in the ACC for wide receivers. Even after suffering a knee injury that sidelined him for his sophomore season, he remained a force of inspiration and motivation to his teammates. He was anticipated to graduate in December of 2023 with a bachelor's degree in African American Studies, after which he aspired to play football professionally and give back to the community by opening a local Boys and Girls Club.

As a giant on the field, Tyler was recognized with several athletic honors. After just his first game with the Cavaliers, he was named the ACC's "Receiver of the Week." Tyler was an All-American and became two-time "Rookie of the Year." His persistent leadership throughout his athletic injury in 2021 earned him the 2022–2023 Danny Lee Fassio

Family Bicentennial Scholarship. He was also nominated by the College Sports Communicators, the Associated Press, and the Fiesta Bowl Organization to the "Come Back Player of the Year" Watch List for the 2022 season, as he was projected to thrive in his return from his injury. His high school jersey, #13, was also retired in his honor.

Tyler was an active member of several social organizations. In high school, he was a proud member of the National Technical Honor Society and the Athletics Leading in Literacy (ALL) Program. He used his Nursing Assistant certification to volunteer with the elderly in his community. In college, Tyler was a participant of the UVA Football Thursday's Heroes Program, which supports local residents who are facing medical challenges. He was also an exemplary member of the "Groundskeepers," a group of fellow UVA football players who advocate for racial and social justice. Despite his busy social, academic, and athletic life in Charlottesville, Tyler never forgot his roots in South Carolina and returned regularly to Woodland High School to mentor and motivate students to pursue their dreams.

Tyler was a devout Christian, and his love of God was fostered at Bethel AME Church. The principles of his faith guided him throughout his life and shaped his resilient character. He is lovingly remembered by his parents, Thaddeus and Fallom, his two younger siblings, Taniya Skylar and Teigan Jeremiah Hollins Davis, his grandparents, Monroe and Cynthia Lampkin, Thaddeus (Deloris) Davis and Linda Varner, and his great grandfather, Herman Davis.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in honoring the life of Lavel "Tyler" Norman Davis, Jr. Despite his youth, he touched the lives of many and will be sorely missed. As we remember him and mourn his loss, may we draw strength from the very resilience and kindness that led Tyler to live such an impactful life.

TRIBUTE TO LESTER R. SUTTON

HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending the Salem Community College Foundation Veterans Dinner. At the event, Lester R. Sutton was honored. Lester served our nation in the United States Coast Guard and held the rank of Storekeeper Third Class. He was awarded with the National Defense Service Medal, First Coast Guard Good Conduct Award, Vietnam Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal during his time serving in the Coast Guard. Lester retired from the Coast Guard in 1973 after 8 years of exemplary service. I am so proud of Lester for his time in the United States Coast Guard, and I want to thank him for his dedication to our great nation. God Bless Lester, and God Bless our America.